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AMENDMENT

Sir or Madam:

In response to the office action mailed March 10, 2005, please re-examine the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. A petition for extension of time accompanies this amendment and is hereby requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1-54 are in the application. Claims 32, 33, 35-39 and 42-48 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-31, 34, 40-41, and 49-54 have been rejected under 102(e) in view of Hagiuda et al (Hagiuda), US Patent No. 6,182,225.

With respect to the restriction requirement, Applicant requests that the restriction requirement be reconsidered. As explained in greater detail below, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is distinguishable over the cited references and should be in condition for allowance. Applicant requests that the dependent claims that have been withdrawn from consideration also be examined and allowed at this time.

With respect to the objection to the drawings, Applicant respectfully traverses this objection. Applicant further notes, however, that it is raising this objection with a competent draftsperson, as suggested by the Examiner.